

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 imposed by the Examiner, Applicant selects Group I (Claims 21, 22 and 24-27). In view of this, Claims 28-38 (Group II) and Claims 44-50 (Group III) have been canceled without prejudice.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any fee deficiency that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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